

Washington State Health Information Infrastructure Target Statement

The Washington State Health Information Infrastructure (WSHII) is an electronic health information system available to everyone in Washington State. It provides access to all substantive health care information for each consumer who chooses to voluntarily participate. Each consumer controls all access to their information, and it is made available in a secure manner to users they authorize. WSHII is implemented incrementally to improve the health of consumers, the quality of health care delivered, and the efficiency of the health care system. It uses national and system standards for encoding and transmitting information. Information available includes, for example, inpatient, outpatient, long-term care, home health, lab, medication, imaging and consumer-generated information, and coverage and payment data. A trusted organization sets standards and operates shared elements of the system in an open and transparent manner to facilitate accountability. WSHII is fully sustained through operational revenue. The system is highly reliable and continuously available. Privacy, security, and integrity of the consumer's health information are protected.